

Choptank Road (SR 15) Planning Study
PDC Project Handoff
May 15, 2002

Section 8: Public Involvement

Three public meetings have been held on this project. The first meeting, the Public Information Workshop, was held on November 15, 2000 and presented information pertaining to the project goals, described the project planning process and identified the issues associated with the roadway in its present form. These include failing pavement, drainage deficiencies, restricted sight distance and a narrow roadway width. Comment cards were available for attendees to complete. In addition to obtaining general comments, the comment cards contained specific questions to receive feedback related to sensitive features along Choptank Road warrant protection or enhancement, concerns or problems that exist and what improvements should occur along Choptank Road.

The study team reviewed the comments received from the community and incorporated them into the conceptual design, as appropriate. On March 6, 2001, the Alternates Workshop was held. During this meeting, two alternate typical sections were presented. Alternate A provides two 11' travel lanes and two 5' shoulders. Alternate B provides two 11' travel lanes, two 2' shoulders and a shared 10' wide bicycle/pedestrian path offset on the east side 7' from the edge of the shoulder. Both alternate typical sections are applied to the same proposed roadway centerline. The centerline differs from the existing centerline in areas where shifts are needed to avoid environmental and historic impacts and to improve the overall roadway geometry. Each alternate was designed to improve drainage and intersections, provide traffic calming and accommodate bicyclist/pedestrian needs. Roundabouts were proposed for the intersections of Choptank Road at Bethel Church Road, Churchtown Road and Bunker Hill Road. Information on the characteristics and operation of roundabouts was available for review. Again, comment cards were available for attendees to complete. In addition to obtaining general comments, the comment cards contained specific questions to receive feedback relating to which alternate was preferred and concerns about the proposed roadway alignment and roundabouts.

The study team reviewed the comments received from the community and modified the concept design as appropriate. Based on engineering evaluation, comment received from the residents and input from regulating agencies and other affected groups, it was concluded that Alternate A was preferred. On June 4, 2001, the third and final workshop was held. During this meeting, artistic rendering were presented to show the roadway in its proposed conditions. Renderings of the Choptank Road intersections with Bethel Church Road, Churchtown Road and Bunker Hill Road were also shown to illustrate the appearance of the roundabouts. Alternate A was identifies as the selected alternate. The project goals were reviewed and checked to ensure that they were met. A summary of the community's comments is attached along with the response by the design team.



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QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

CHOPTANK ROAD (DELAWARE S.R. 15)

Bethel Church Road to Bunker Hill Road

PUBLIC INFORMATION WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2000

PLEASE PRINT

Please provide the following information if you would like to have someone from the Department of Transportation contact you directly to discuss your comments. Thank you.

NAME _____

DAYTIME TELEPHONE _____

Question No. 1:

What features along Choptank Road and in the area do you find valuable and should be protected or enhanced?

Question No. 2:

For what reasons do you typically use Choptank Road? (check all that apply)

_____ Access to residence along Choptank Road

_____ Business access

_____ Commuting through the area

_____ Recreation (bicycling, etc.)

_____ Other _____

Question No. 3:

Do you have any concerns or problems with Choptank Road as it exists today?

If so, please list.

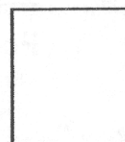
Question No. 4:

If any, what improvements would you like to see along Choptank Road?

Do you have any additional comments?

Thank you for participating in today's Public Information Workshop and for completing this questionnaire. You may turn in your completed questionnaire at the door upon leaving the meeting or mail it to the Delaware Department of Transportation.

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Choptank Road (Delaware S.R.15)
Bethel Church Road to Bunker Hill
Public Information Workshop Responses Summary
Wednesday, November 15, 2000

	Preferred Alternate			Roundabouts			Important Features (1 = most important)							
Name	A	B	C	Bethel	Churchtown	Bunker Hill	Trees	Landscape	Estates	Rural	Bikes	Adopt	Other	Comment
1 <u>Petro, Ken</u>	1			0	0	0	3	2	4	1	6	5	2	Maintenance of roadway edges
2 <u>Meier, Kim</u>		1		1	1	0	5	4	2	1	3	6		
3 <u>Wilt, Donn</u>			1	1	1	1	3	2	4	1	6	5		
4 <u>Davis, Todd</u>		1		1	1	1	4	3	2	1	5			
5 <u>Lisinski, Florian</u>	1			1	1	1	1	4	5	1	2	2		
6 <u>Walko, Jamie</u>	1			1	0	1	1	3	4	2	5			
7 <u>Walko, Jim</u>	1			1	0	1	1	2	4	3	5			
8			1	1	1	1				1				
9 <u>Morris, Bud</u>		1		0	1	1	3	2	4	1	5			
10 <u>Factor, George</u>		1		1	0	0	2	3	6	1	5	4		
11 <u>Rhoades, James</u>	1						3	4	1	2		5		
12 <u>Hudson, Mark</u>	1			0	0	0	2	3		1				
13 <u>Hudson, Lisa</u>	1			0	0	0	2	3		1				
14 <u>Biddle, Keith</u>	1			1	1	0	3	2		1				
15 <u>Becker, Martha</u>		1		1	1	1								
16 <u>Rhoades, France</u>	1			1	1	1	3	4	1	2		5		
17 <u>Heath, John</u>		1		1	1	1	4	3	6	2	1	5		
18 <u>Heath, Denise</u>		1		1	1	1	5	3	7	2	1	6	4	upscale lights on path safety
19 <u>Wiggins, Mark</u>			1	1	0	1	3	5	1	4	6	7	2	
20 <u>Daniels, Albert</u>			1	1	1	1				1	6			
21 <u>Daniels, Jane</u>			1	1	1	1				1	6			
22		1		1	1	1	4	2	3	1	5	6		
23 <u>Heaton, Debbie</u>		1		1	1	1	1	4	2	5	3			
SUM	9	9	5	18	15	16	53	58	56	36	70	56		
TOTAL RESP	23	23	23	22	22	22	19	19	16	22	16	11		
	39.13%	39.13%	21.74%	81.82%	68.18%	72.73%	2.79	3.05	3.50	1.64	4.38	5.09		

Ranked Features

Rural Setting
Distinctive Trees
Landscaped Areas
Notable Estates
Bicycle Route
Community Interest / Adopt-A-Highway



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CHOPTANK ROAD (DELAWARE S.R. 15)

Bethel Church Road to Bunker Hill Road

ALTERNATES WORKSHOP

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2001

1. Which proposed typical section do you prefer? (Please ✓ One)

☐ Alternate A (2-11' Travel Lanes, 2-5' Shoulders)

☐ Alternate B (2-11' Travel Lanes, 2-2' Shoulders, Separate Bicycle Path)

☐ Neither

Comments:

2. Do you have concerns about the proposed roadway alignment? If so, please describe the location and your concern.

Comments:

3. Do you like the roundabouts proposed for the Choptank Road intersections?

Bethel Church Road Yes / No (Please Circle)

Churchtown Road Yes / No (Please Circle)

Bunker Hill Road Yes / No (Please Circle)

Comments:

4. Which of the following features within the community are important to you?

(1 = most important)

☐ Distinctive Trees

☐ Bicycle Route

☐ Landscaped Areas

☐ Community Interest / Adopt-A-Highway

☐ Notable Estates

☐ Other

☐ Rural Setting

Comments:

5. Do you have any additional comments?

Your comments and opinions are very important. All information that you provide on this form will be carefully reviewed by the Department of Transportation. Under state law, this survey form is public domain and, if requested, a copy of it must be provided to the public or media. Thank you for your participation and contributions to this important transportation project in Delaware.

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CHOPTANK ROAD (DELAWARE S.R. 15)

Bethel Church Road to Bunker Hill Road

PUBLIC WORKSHOP NO. 3

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2001

SUMMARY

Sampling of Issues from the March 6, 2001 Alternates Workshop

<i>Issue</i>	<i>Response</i>
Improvements will encourage higher speeds and more truck traffic.	The roadway alignment was modified to maintain more of the curves that exist today while providing the required design. Roundabouts at the intersections of Bethel Church, Churchtown and Bunker Hill Roads deter truck traffic and help to slow driving speeds.
Adding roundabouts at all of the intersections will restrict access for those vehicles that need it such as farm equipment and horse trailers.	The roundabouts are designed to discourage truck traffic by making the movement around it more difficult yet provide continued mobility to those users mentioned. These vehicles should have little trouble using the intersections if travelling at a slow speed as intended. The comments received on the questionnaire showed overwhelming support for the roundabouts at all three locations.
Keep the rural setting.	The alternates were modified to reduce impacts on the adjacent properties. Urban design elements such as sidewalks and closed drainage systems are not planned along the roadway. Pavement widening has also been minimized.
Can truck restrictions continue?	Truck restrictions on this public road are based on the existing roadway conditions. When the roadway is improved, the reasons for the restrictions will no longer exist. If residents observe and report increases in through truck traffic after the roadway improvements are in place, DelDOT will study the effects and consider appropriate restrictions.
Can you simply repair and resurface the existing pavement only?	Choptank Road (Delaware S.R. 15) is designated as Bicycle Rte 1. The roadway needs to be widened to safely accommodate bicyclists as well as provide at least minimum roadway design standards for this type facility such as lane widths and drainage control.
Who will maintain the landscaping along the project and at the roundabouts?	DelDOT does not have the resources to properly perform landscape maintenance much beyond roadside mowing. If the community seeks landscaping treatments which require a greater level of care and maintenance, agreements are needed with community groups to perform this. Landscape beds may be designed to meet the capabilities of the local groups who agree to maintain them. Within the roundabouts, a low maintenance design will be used due to the limited access and safety concerns.



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CHOPTANK ROAD (DELAWARE S.R. 15)

Bethel Church Road to Bunker Hill Road

PUBLIC WORKSHOP NO. 3

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2001

1. Did you attend:

Public Workshop No. 1 on November 15, 2000

Yes / No

Public Workshop No. 2 on March 6, 2001

Yes / No

2. In your opinion, have the goals established at the beginning of the project been met? Please explain.

Goal: Provide a safer roadway for vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian traffic.

Met Goal? Yes / No _____

Goal: Preserve and enhance the natural character of the area.

Met Goal? Yes / No _____

Goal: Promote a sense of place and community.

Met Goal? Yes / No _____

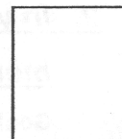
3. In your opinion, have the concerns of the community been addressed? Please explain.

4. In your opinion, what aspects of the project do you wish were done differently?

5. Was the project study team effective in presenting the project to you?

6. Do you have any additional comments?

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Choptank Road (Delaware S.R.15)
Bethel Church Road to Bunker Hill
Public Information Workshop Responses Summary
Monday, June 4, 2001

Name	Goals Met							Concerns Addressed				Done Differently					Effective Presentation		Additional Comments		
	Safer Roadway		Comment	Preserve character		Comment	Sense of Community		Comment	Y	Comment	N	Comment	Bike Paths	Roundabouts	Signage/Signals	Speed Limit	Truck Restrictions		Y	N
	Y	N		Y	N		Y	N													
Loomfield, Bill		1	Truck traffic			Trees will be missing		1	Speed limit and truck traffic			1	Truck traffic	1					1	1	Road resurfacing and bike paths needed. Keep road as is, if speed limit is raised
Lutton, Kathleen		1	Opposed to roundabouts	1		With road widening only			No Opinion	1	Except roundabouts				1						
Luzak, Robert			Don't know		1	Roundabouts are dangerous		1	Taking land from community			1	Promotes higher speeds and truck traffic		1	1				Stay of my property, no roundabouts	
Lynch, Kevin		1	Truck traffic		1	Discourages higher speeds/congestion and use of road as shortcut		1	Increased traffic and decreased property value			1	Truck traffic					1	1	Safety concern with widening road and increasing speed limit (should be 35 mph)	
McGuigan, David		1	Want separate path for bikes and truck restrictions		1	Truck traffic			Truck traffic			1	Truck traffic and no separate bike path	1				1	1		
Morris, Bud				1		Truck traffic						1	Truck traffic		1				1	What happened to the separated bike paths?	
Munlev, Susan		1	Speed limit should be under 40 mph and no trucks		1	Truck traffic		1	Truck traffic			1	Truck traffic					1	1		
Munlev, Thomas		1	Truck traffic		1	Truck traffic will increase noise		1	Truck traffic will reduce property value and quality of life			1	Safety and noise pollution				1	1			
Mutton, Tammy		1	Limited truck traffic, construction on road only, bike path, 2-way bridge & signs needed									1	Limited truck traffic, construction on road only, bike path, 2-way bridge & signs needed	1	1			1	1	I would prefer Alternate B.	
Mottina, Mike		1	Remains to be seen	1				1	No change			1	Roundabouts and speed limit		1				1		
Anonymous 1										1	ROW from west, eliminating historic and long-term residents				1	1		1	1		
Anonymous 2		1			1			1				1							1	Wants Churchtown Rd from 896 to Choptank repaved before construction on Back Creek Bridge begins. When bridge is closed, there will be more traffic on Churchtown and it will continue to deteriorate roadway.	
SUM	0	9		3	6		0	7		2		10		3	5	3	1	7	9	0	
TOTAL RESP	11	11		11	11		11	11		12		12		11	11	11	11	11	9	9	
	0%	82%		27%	55%		0%	64%		17%		83%		27%	45%	27%	9%	64%	100%	0%	



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NATHAN HAYWARD III
SECRETARY

October 3, 2001

Property Owner
Near or Along Choptank Road
New Castle

Dear Sir/Madam:

To further the planning of improvements to Choptank Road, the Department of Transportation needs additional information about environmentally sensitive areas that could be affected by this project. Within the next few months, a team hired by the Department from McCormick, Taylor and Associates will be conducting field surveys to gather the needed information, primarily concerning historic and archeological resources. As explained in the enclosed brochure, the archeological survey will require some disturbance of soils, and may necessitate trespassing on your property.

The legal authority to conduct such surveys is Title 17 Del. Code, section 132(c)(13). Please be aware that the Department is responsible under this law to; minimize the disturbance, restore disturbed areas to the extent practical, and for any damages that may occur.

Your informed consent, cooperation, and assistance is greatly appreciated. If you have concerns or input concerning this matter, please contact me at (302) 760-2124.

Sincerely,

A. Charles Altevogt
Project Manager, Corridor Studies

Enclosure:

ACA:ca

CC: Don Weber, Assistant Director, Planning
Paul Welsh, Manager, Corridor Studies



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<u>Tax Parcel #</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Property Location</u>	<u>Mailing Address</u>	<u>Confirmed Receipt</u>
11-057-006	Univ. of Delaware	Bethel Church Rd	Newark, De	X
11-057-007	Sewell Biggs	Choptank Rd	Greenville, De	X
11-057-219	Robert & Debbie Taylor	1084 Bethel Church Rd	Middletown, De	X
11-061-001	Choptank Associate	1208 Bethel Church Rd	Middletown, De	X
11-061-001-MA001	Violi Carter	1208 Bethel Church Rd	Middletown, De	X
11-061-001-MA002	James Mau	1202 Bethel Church Rd	Middletown, De	X
11-061-002	David & Sharon Marcin	1142 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
11-061-010	Mr & Mrs. James Lamborn	1151 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
11-061-016	Joseph & Florence Marcin	Choptank Rd	New Castle, De	X
11-061-017	"	"	"	X
11-061-018	"	"	"	X
11-061-019	"	"	"	X
11-061-020	"	1176 Choptank Rd	"	X
11-061-021	Mark & Lisa Marcin	Choptank Rd	Bear, De	X
11-061-031	Sandra Kite, Joyce Daily	1157 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
11-057-009	Val & Ann Laporte	1196 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
11-057-012	"	"	"	X
11-061-011	Ronald & Virginia Steel	1188 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
11-061-011M	Karen Steele	1188 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
11-061-015	Gilman Development Company	1197 Choptank Rd	Wilmington, De	X
11-061-014	John Cherniski	Choptank Rd	Newark, De	X
11-061-013	Eliot Krems	1175 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	11/5 US Mail
11-061-003	Janice Marshall	1260 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
11-061-004	Raymond & Geraldine Nowocin	1242 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
11-061-004M	"	"	"	X
11-061-008	Choptank LLC	1263 Choptank Rd	Greenville, De	X
11-061-025	Heather Sobolak	1267 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
11-061-022	Bessemer Trust Co. of Fl Trustee	1171 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	11/5 US Mail

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13-011-006	N.V. Ramattan	1316 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
13-011-007	David Saylor	1336 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
13-011-008	Carl & Patsy Carlson	1346 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
13-011-030	" "	" "	" "	X
13-011-022	Thomas Stevens	1358 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
13-011-029	Newlin Montgomery	1370 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
13-011-031	" "	" "	" "	X
13-011-012	Kenneth & Patricia Petro	1394 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
13-011-011	Pauline Biddle	1017 Churchtown Rd	Middletown, De	X
13-011-010	Harvey & Joanne Newton	1033 Churchtown Rd	Middletown, De	X
13-011-034	Mark Hudson	1409 Norva Drive	Middletown, De	X
13-011-016	Kyle & Beth Ann Schaeen	1400 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
13-011-017	Jesse & Marie Blackburn	1420 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
13-011-018	Albert & Jane Daniels	1436 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
13-011-019	Norma Moore	1436 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
13-011-042	Delmarva Power & Light Co	___ Choptank Rd	Wilmington, De	X
13-011-048	Water & Charlotte Biliski	1448 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
13-011-049	Denise Rhoades	___ Choptank Rd	Newark, De	X
13-011-050	Daniel Rhoades	___ Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	Pending
13-011-051	James Rhoades, Jr.	___ Choptank Rd	Newark, De	X
13-011.2-018	Back Creek LLC	117 Back Creek Dr	Middletown, De	11/6 Certified Ltr
13-011.4-099	Daren & Marueen Ludlam	1611 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	11/5 Resent US Mail
13-012-007	Rhoadesdale Farm LP	1542 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
13-012-093	James & Dolores Rhoades	1542 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
13-012.30-027	Christopher & Thelma Charles	1605 Choptank Rd	Port Penn, De	X
13-012.30-028	Joseph & Mary Cael	1617 Choptank Rd	Port Penn, De	X
13-012.30-029	Artesian Water Company	___ Choptank Rd	Wilmington, De	X

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13-012-008	Richard C & Elizabeth Wooden	Old School House Rd	Middletown, De	To be hand delivered
13-012-009	George V. Clough	1692 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
13-012-060	Victor & Kennilynn Koveleski	___ Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
13-016-009	Choptank LLC	1506 Bohemia Mill Rd	Greenville, De	X
13-016-156	Frederic Stilmer	1683 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
13-017-002	Choptank LLC	1706 Choptank Rd	Greenville, De	X
13-017-003	Midfarms	___ Armstrong Rd	Wilmington, De	
13-017-004	Howard Crossland	2010 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
13-017-075	Choptank LLC	1712 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
13-017-071	Spencer McDowell	1757 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
13-017-070	Vito & Sharonlynn Tassone	1769 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	Returned to Sender
13-017-069	Evelyn Onizuk	1807 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
13-017-067	W. Wesley & Trudy Synder	1817 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
13-017-066	“ “ “	“ “ “	“ “ “	X
13-017-065	Donald & Patricia Estep	1831 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
13-017-064	R.E. Hanna	1835 Choptank Rd	1105 Bohemia Rd	Returned to Sender
13-017-093	Irma Crossland	2010 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
13-017-108	Florian Lisinski	1848 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	To be hand delivered
13-017-___	Property Owner	1868 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	To be hand delivered
13-017-___	Property Owner	1888 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	To be hand delivered
13-017.1-022	Matthew & Tammy Patterson	1745 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
13-017.1-022R	C&E Butler, Inc.	1745 Choptank Rd.	Middletown, De	Returned to Sender
13-012-105	“ “ “	“ “ “	“ “ “	

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13-021-039	Kimberly Garland & Emmett Meier	2143 Choptank Rd	Middletown, De	X
13-021-035	Paul & Christine Mulvena	1143 Bunker Hill	Middletown, De	X
13-021-036	Lewis Lee 3 rd	1126 Bunker Hill	Middletown, De	X
13-021-037	Todd Yetter	1106 Bunker Hill	Middletown, De	X
13-022-003	301 South Ridge Venture LLC	5179 W. Woodmill Dr #5	Wilmington, De	X
13-022.001	Maple Group Associates, Inc.	1106 Bunker Hill Road	Drumore, Pa	X